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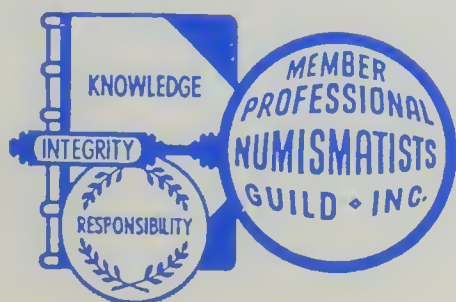
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1918 S, V.Gd. 1.50; Fine.....	4.75
1918 D, Good 1.25; V.Good...	2.00
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1919 S, Good 2.00; V.Good...	3.25
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1920 S, Good 1.50; V.Good...	2.00
1920 D, Good 1.25; V.Good...	2.00
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1929 V. Fine 1.50; Abt. Unc...	3.75
1929 S, Fine 1.00; V. Fine....	2.00
1930 Brilliant Uncirculated...	7.50
1930 V. Fine 1.25; Abt. Unc...	3.00



### THE "GUN MONEY" OF IRELAND

During the eventful years 1689 and 1690, the conflict between the two powerful factions of the predominantly Catholic Stuarts and the Protestant Orange came to a climax. William of Orange, the Statholder of the Netherlands, landed in England and became William III, and was able to maintain himself for over a year.

This was partly due to his reckless financial policies which consisted mainly in robbing the people of their holdings by forcing upon them his own inferior coin. Early in 1689 he began issuing a series of pure brass coins of the values of a crown, half crown, shilling and sixpence inscribed with the date as well as the month of issue. The types were mainly copied from earlier and better English money, namely, the King on horseback and the four shields of the lands he wanted to rule, England, Ireland, Scotland and France.

Soon the people refused to accept this currency wherein a shilling actually consisted of the same alloy and therefore had the same metallic value as had formerly a halfpenny. From their alloy these coins, of which there are two different series as to size, are known as Gun Money.

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### Famous Historical Ancient Coin ARCHAIC SILVER SIGLOS

ANCIENT PERSIA, B. C. 521-486.  
King Darius as archer kneeling with  
bow, quiver and spear. Reverse:  
Irregular oblong incuse punch. Very  
similar to the Gold Daric of the  
same period.

This is a fine example of the  
very early ancient coinage at a  
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and illustrated on Page 13 in "Coins  
of Bible Days."

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### THE STUFFED EMPEROR

When General Valerian, an able and  
rather honest career soldier, drove the  
usurper Aemilian from the Roman  
Imperial throne, he had in mind a re-  
spectable reign for himself and his des-  
cendants. He never dreamt he might  
some day wind up as a stuffed pillow for  
his arch-enemy, the Persian ruler.

But such are the vicissitudes of Fate,  
that Valerian became engaged in one of  
many campaigns against the enemy in  
the East. Under the brilliant leader-  
ship of Shapur II, King of Persia, the  
Asiatics had invaded Asia Minor and  
taken most of the Roman strongholds  
there. When even Antioch became a  
casualty, the dangers could no longer  
be ignored in Italy. Rome was begin-  
ning to sink into a depression, the like  
of which she had never seen. Money be-  
came worthless and gold was being  
hoarded. Countless usurpers rose and  
were quickly defeated. Insecurity had  
spread to the provinces and the prestige  
of Imperial Rome was at an all-time  
low.

## THE STUFFED EMPEROR ( Continued )

The Germanic enemy in the north and  
north-east was busily crossing the  
Rhine and Danube rivers, and Valerian  
had all he could do to stem that tide.  
He had a measure of support from his  
son and co-regent Gallienus, then an  
able and willing young officer who did  
his best to destroy the enemies of  
Rome.

In the year 260 A. D., the Persians  
took most of the Asia Minor colonies.  
Valerian himself decided to go to the  
east and fight them. Gallienus re-  
mained behind to guard and safeguard  
the west and Italy. Valerian arrived  
before Antioch and engaged Shapur, but  
he not only lost the campaign, he also  
got captured. Ironically, the Roman  
troops rallied after their leader's dis-  
appearance and managed to gain some  
ground. The situation became stabil-  
ized but Valerian was a captive in  
Persia. At first, the Romans thought  
they could ransom their Emperor. But  
Shapur had all the gold he needed.  
Moreover, his hatred for Rome was  
so great, he devised ways of insulting  
and torturing his Imperial prisoner.

Kept at court, Valerian was sub-  
jected to countless indignities stretch-  
ing over several years. All this time,  
his son Gallienus did nothing to free  
his father. It is a mute question  
whether he was unable to do so because  
the Barbarians were practically in Italy  
already, or whether he was beginning  
to like the idea of being sole ruler.

He did not engage in any prepara-  
tions to recapture the east and free  
his father. Shapur finally tired of  
maltreating his prisoner. As an ulti-  
mate gesture of his contempt for  
Valerian and Imperial Rome, he had  
Valerian killed and his hide stuffed  
like a pillow. This gruesome object  
was for years exhibited at the Persian  
court.

On his coins, Valerian, in happier  
days, is pictured as the Saviour of the  
Empire, being crowned by a turreted  
figure representing the recaptured  
Oriental provinces.

-- Hans Holzer

### NOTE:

We are in a position to offer several  
of the coins referred to in the above  
article:

ROME A. D. 253-260  
Bust of Valerian, with spiked crown  
Rev: Emperor being crowned by  
Kybele.  
Denari - Very Fine - \$6.00



# FOREIGN GOLD COINS

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1864, Victoria. Ext. Fine.....	12.50
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1876. Rare, Abt. Unc.....	22.50
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GW-44. Uncirculated.....	60.00

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1918 Choice Br. Unc.....	25.00
1918 Pract. Unc, mint lustre.	18.75
1919 Choice Br. Unc.....	27.50
1919 Abt. Unc, mint lustre...	19.75

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### ANCIENT BYZANTINE EMPIRE

Thessalonica - Michael III

1955 Gold 20 Francs, 5 Francs,  
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In special lettered holder.

BRILL. PROOFS, 3 Pc. Set... \$75.00

### THE COINAGE OF AUSTRIA'S LAST EMPEROR

Most collectors think of Austria's last Emperor as Franz Joseph, the old man with the white sideburns so often seen in romantic motion pictures. But actually, his nephew, Charles, followed him on the throne in 1916, to rule a brief two years during the Austro-Hungarian Empire's last moments.

Whereas Franz Joseph had ruled for sixty years, and his coinage is both varied and plentiful, that of his successor is neither. In 1916, the war was beginning to make itself felt and shortages of coin metals had already taken a toll of the regular series of silver and gold coins issued annually until then.

Franz Joseph still issued a 20 and 10 Kronen gold coin in 1916, and neither are particularly rare, nor is the silver Krone of that date. But in 1917, Charles' first year as ruler, there was neither gold nor silver for a coinage. In fact, even nickel had become unob-

### AUSTRIA'S LAST EMPEROR ( Continued )

tainable and the 20 and 10 Heller coins were now being made of a yellow alloy containing mostly copper and zinc.

In the second half of 1917, even this alloy was too dear and plain iron replaced the yellow coins. Everything was made of iron now and only the figure and size distinguished the denominations. The largest coin was the 20 Heller; everything else was paper currency. Conditions, as well as the coinage, continued on a dismal trend throughout most of the following year.

The Revolution of 1918 by the Austrians replaced Charles I with the new Austrian Republic. The smaller iron coins continued as before from 1919 until 1923 at which time a new system of good quality coinage was initiated. Gold and silver coins were never issued in large quantities under Charles I, but hope for victory was ever present and consequently, the mint at Vienna had gone on preparing for resumption of the higher values as part of the regular coinage of Austria.

Specifically, various models and patterns for Gold 20 Kronen and Silver 5 Kronen were struck and distributed in small numbers among officials. These are all scarce and possibly rare as only a very few specimens were acquired by collectors.

One of the rarest is the Gold 20 Kronen coin, a type very similar to the last coinage Franz Joseph had, except for the change in portrait and name. Records indicate that only three specimens of this variety were struck, which was intended for regular coinage. These differ from the patterns in that they were not struck as proofs but for circulation with properly milled edges.

The head of Charles and the inscription naming him as Charles I, Austrian Emperor and Apostolic King of Hungary etc. are on the obverse, and the Austrian double eagle and value is on the reverse. This is a very rare and interesting series.

### VENICE - 14TH CENTURY

Matapan or Grosso Veneto, struck by Peter Gradenico, Doge of Venice. This is a fine example of medieval coinage. Obv: Doge receiving banner from St. Mark. Rev: Christ seated on throne.

Very Fine..... \$2.00

Ext. Fine..... 3.00